

DISABILITY MENTORING DAY

CAREER EXPLORATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH DMD:

Join the thousands of DMD participants as a:

- ★ STUDENT OR JOB SEEKER WITH A DISABILITY
- ★ EMPLOYER
- ★ DMD COORDINATOR
- ★ NATIONAL OR LOCAL DMD SPONSOR



DISABILITY MENTORING DAY OPTIONS:

- ★ ON-SITE MENTORING
- ★ DMD CAREER FAIR
- ★ DMD WORKSHOPS AND SKILL-BUILDING TRAININGS
- ★ THE DMD PASSPORT TO EMPLOYMENT:
A Coordinated Job Fair followed by
Ongoing One-on-One Mentoring



Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) is a large-scale national effort to promote career development for students and job seekers with disabilities through hands-on career exploration, on-sight job shadowing, and ongoing

mentoring leading to internship and employment opportunities.

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Hosted by the American Association of People with Disabilities, the largest national cross-disability membership organization in the United States, DMD connects nearly 20,000 job-seekers with disabilities with thousands of employers in more than 300 locations in every U.S. State and Territory and in more than 20 countries worldwide each year.

DMD COORDINATORS

DMD is recognized nationally on the third Wednesday of every October in conjunction with National Disability Employment Awareness Month. However, local DMD activities are coordinated by a national grassroots network of DMD Coordinators who connect local organizations, employers, supporters and advocates across the country.

Find out what's going on in your area by contacting your Local Coordinator at www.dmd-aapd.org.

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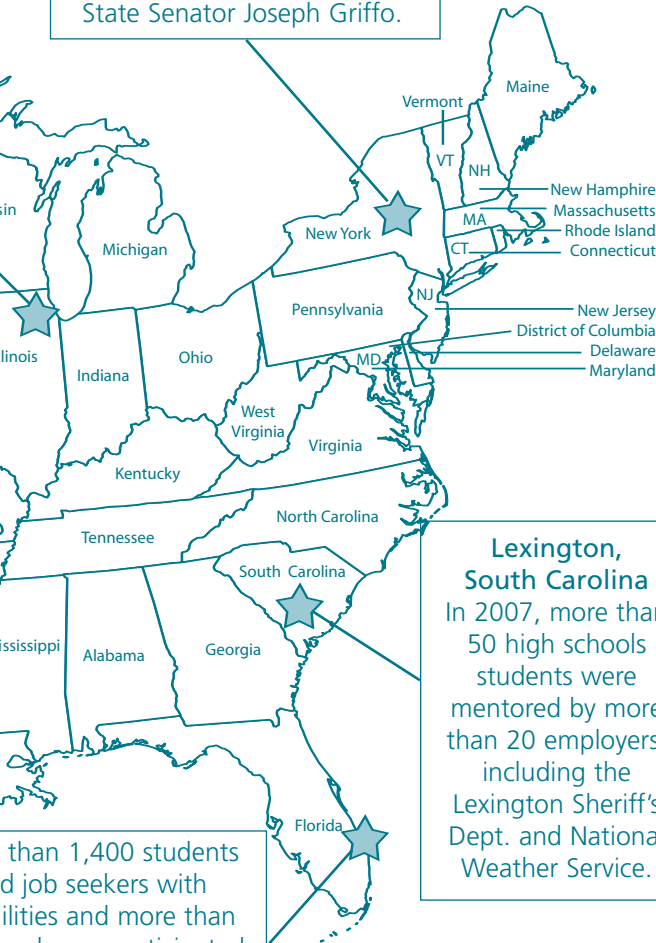
RUSSIA

SPAIN

UNITED KINGDOM

Herkimer, New York

Students at Utica Working Solutions were matched with employers, community leaders and political dignitaries including State Senator Joseph Griffo.



Lexington, South Carolina

In 2007, more than 50 high schools students were mentored by more than 20 employers, including the Lexington Sheriff's Dept. and National Weather Service.

More than 1,400 students and job seekers with disabilities and more than 100 employers participated in the program throughout the state of Florida.

Puerto Rico

More than 90 participants visited The Museum of Art of Puerto Rico to tour the museum and shadow employees of the organization.

ON-SITE MENTORING

HOSTING A CAREER DAY

DMD Coordinators invite local employers and professionals to share information about their career areas with students and job seekers with disabilities at schools, universities or local Centers for Independent Living.

ORGANIZING A FIELDTRIP

DMD Coordinators organize visits to local employers' job sites where DMD participants tour the businesses, learn about the workplaces and connect with workplace employees.

ON-SITE JOB SHADOWING

DMD Coordinators individually match students and job-seekers with disabilities to those professionals serving in careers that interest them.

COORDINATE A DMD PASSPORT TO EMPLOYMENT CAREER FAIR

This unique event allows students and job seekers to explore career opportunities during a coordinated Job Fair. Using "The DMD Passport," job-seekers are encouraged to visit employer booths organized by key Career Clusters. Using their "Passports," DMD participants can stay connected with employers they meet for ongoing mentoring relationships.

Our Employer Sponsors make a commitment to the affirmative hiring and retention of workers with disabilities in their businesses by participating in DMD around the country.

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ABOUT AAPD



Founded in 1995, AAPD is **dedicated to organizing the disability community to be a powerful force for change-socially, politically and economically.** AAPD fulfills this mission through its career and leadership programs for individuals with disabilities, policy initiatives and public awareness activities.

To support programs like Disability Mentoring Day and to join a coalition of more than 100,000 Americans supporting people with disabilities, become a member of AAPD today. Simply visit the AAPD website to learn more, at www.aapd.com. For questions regarding the National Disability Mentoring Day program, please contact David Hale, National DMD Coordinator, or Alana Hill, AAPD Program Associate at dmdaapd@aol.com.

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